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Sir:

This amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Prior to entering this amendment, fees sufficient for consideration of 43 total claims and three independent claims were submitted. Following entry of this amendment, 23 total claims will be pending, of which four are independent. Accordingly, \$200.00 in payment of the fee for one additional independent claim is included in the enclosed fee authorization. A request for a two-month extension of time and the required fee for it (included in the enclosed fee authorization) are also being submitted. Please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary, and charge any fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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